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SUBJ: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: JAPAN

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL STAVROPOULOS, WHO HAS BEEN CONSULTING WITH US ABOUT COMPOSITION OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, TELEPHONED JAPANESE DEPUTY PERMREP OGISO SEPT 13 TO REQUEST JAPAN TO SERVE ON 28TH GA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. AMB BENNETT SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED OGISO TO UNDERLINE DESIRABILITY OF JAPAN ACCEPTING SEAT. OGISO TOLD BENNETT THAT TELEGRAM ALREADY HAD BEEN SENT TO TOKYO, BUT ADDED THAT AMB SAITO "NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT IDEA.

2. TENTATIVE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE LINE-UP IS FOUR DELS EXPECTED TO VOTE AGAINST SAG AND KHMER CREDENTIALS AND FIVE (INCLUDING US, WEO AND TWO LA'S) IN FAVOR. JAPAN WOULD FILL FIFTH, ASIAN, SEAT AS IT DID, RELUCTANTLY, LAST YEAR. (IRAN, MENTIONED BY OGISO AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, IS ONLY OTHER FEASIBLE ASIAN FREINDLY BUT IRAN MORE SUBJECT TO GA PRESSURES AND WE DOUBTFUL OF PERSUADING IRAN TO SERVE.)

3. AS DEPT AND EMBASSY AWARE, KHMER CREDENTIALS ESPECIALLY
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DIFFICULT THIS YEAR, AND WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT CHANCES

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OF FAVORABLE CC REPORT IF JAPAN UNWILLING TO TAKE ASIAN SEAT. JAPANESE RELUCTANCE PRESUMABLY CONTINUES TO STEM IN PART FROM CONCERN ABOUT RELATIONSHIP WITH AFRO-ASAINS AND FROM HABITUAL CAUTION ABOUT GETTING OUT ON SUCH LIMBS. HOWEVER, JAPAN'S SUPPORT OF KHMER PRESUMABLY WILL BE GIVEN DUE WEIGHT IN DECIDING ON REPLY TO STAVROPOULOS.

4. WE BELIEVE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH IN TOKYO WOULD BE ADVISABLE. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MUST BE LINED UP BY MONDAY, SEPT 17, AT LATEST, SO ANY APPROACH SHOULD BE BY WEEKEND.
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